

Will North's father emigrated to Johannesburg, S. Africa in 1890 ~~where he was~~ from England with his mother who was Irish & went to work in the diamond mines there. Will was born in 1895 & received his education there & vaguely remembers the Boer War in 1900. His father was a "searcher" in the mines that is he searched the natives as they left the mines for any diamonds that they may have concealed about their person or even inside their person if anyone of them was suspected of having anything about them they would be compelled to take a stiff dose of salts. He is well acquainted with the different laws which are used to keep the negroes in subjection the infamous pass laws require natives to carry government permits, purchased at a high price, whenever they wish to go to the market, or when they wish to travel to another town - in short whenever they move more than a few feet from their master's eyes. Will came to the United States in 1924 working in the automobile factories for two years & from there received an offer of a job in Honolulu which he took as a machinist on a

sugar plantation, after saving some money he came
to Oakland in 1931 and is now working in a small
machine shop in Emeryville

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